

Please replace the abstract paragraph beginning on page 14, line 1, with the following

rewritten paragraph:



--A livewell tank for use on a boat is provided having a bottom and a sidewall section forming an interior compartment. A top is coupled with the sidewall section and extends inwardly to cover the interior compartment about the periphery of the sidewall section. An overflow drain is located proximate the top of the tank and a baffle inhibiting turbulent flow is positioned between the overflow drain and the bottom of the tank.--

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2-4, 8, 9, 11, 12-14, 18, 19 and 21 as follows.

1. (Amended) A livewell tank for use on a boat to hold fish, said tank comprising:
a bottom;

a sidewall section having first and second opposing ends, said sidewall section coupled with said bottom at said first end to define an interior compartment;

a top coupled with said second end of said sidewall section, said top forming an opening sized for receiving a fish, said top having an upper surface projecting inwardly from said sidewall section to cover a portion of said interior compartment; and

an overflow drain coupled with said sidewall section of said tank proximate said top.

2. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 1, wherein said upper surface extends inwardly into said compartment completely about said sidewall section, said upper surface terminating at an inner edge defining said opening.

3. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 2 wherein said opening is generally rectangular.

4. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 1 wherein said sidewall section includes a front wall directed in the direction of forward motion of the boat wherein said drain is coupled with said front wall.

8. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 1 wherein said top includes a ledge surface extending outwardly from said sidewall section, said ledge surface coupled with said upper surface to form a mounting flange.

9. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 2 wherein said top further includes a sealing flange upstanding from said upper surface.

11. (Amended) The livewell of claim 9 wherein a collar is coupled with said sealing flange, said collar made of a resilient material.

12. (Amended) A livewell tank for use on a boat to hold fish, said tank comprising:
a bottom;
a sidewall section having first and second opposing ends, said sidewall section coupled with and upstanding from said bottom at said first end to define an interior compartment;
a top coupled with said second end of said sidewall section, said top forming an opening sized for receiving a fish, said top having an upper surface projecting inwardly from a portion of said sidewall section to cover a portion of said interior compartment; and
a baffle coupled with said sidewall section, said baffle extending from said sidewall section inwardly into said interior compartment.

13. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 12, wherein said upper surface extends completely about said sidewall section and inwardly into said compartment, said upper surface terminating at an inner edge defining said opening.

14. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 12 wherein said sidewall section includes a front wall directed in the direction of forward motion of the boat wherein said drain is coupled with said front wall.

18. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 12 wherein said top includes a ledge surface extending outwardly from said sidewall section, said ledge surface coupled with said upper surface to form a mounting flange.

19. (Amended) The livewell tank of claim 18 wherein said top further includes a sealing flange upstanding from said upper surface.

21. (Amended) The livewell of claim 19 wherein a collar is coupled with said sealing flange, said collar made of a resilient material.

Please cancel claims 10 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

22. A livewell tank for use on a boat to hold fish, said tank comprising:
a bottom;
a sidewall section having first and second opposing ends, said sidewall section coupled with said bottom at said first end to define an interior compartment;
means for covering a portion of said compartment, said covering means coupled with said sidewall section; and
means for draining water from said compartment, said draining means coupled with said sidewall section proximate said covering means.

23. The livewell tank of claim 22 wherein said sidewall section includes a front wall directed in the direction of forward motion of the boat wherein said draining means is coupled with said front wall.

24. The livewell tank of claim 23 further comprising means for disrupting water flow, said disrupting means coupled with said sidewall section.

25. A livewell tank for use on a boat to hold fish, said tank comprising:
a bottom;
a sidewall section having first and second opposing ends, said sidewall section coupled with and upstanding from said bottom at said first end to define an interior compartment;
means for covering a portion of said compartment, said covering means coupled with said sidewall section; and